

### **Remarks**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under Section 101 because the claimed method did not yield a tangible result. As amended, the method is tied directly to performing an assay on an encoded bead platform, and should therefore satisfy all criterion specified on page 4.

Regarding the rejections under Sections 102 and 103(a), claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 4, which the Examiner indicated was allowable. It appears the application is in condition for allowance. Please contact the attorney of record if there are any questions. Thank you for your consideration.